

## CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

### ELECTED OFFICERS

*(Terms Expire January 1, 2011)*

#### ***Governor***

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Northville

#### ***Lieutenant Governor***

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR., Clio

#### ***Secretary of State***

TERRI LYNN LAND, Byron Center

#### ***Attorney General***

MIKE COX, Livonia

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

#### ***State Treasurer***

ROBERT J. KLEINE,<sup>1</sup> Lansing

#### ***Superintendent of Public Instruction***

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN,<sup>2</sup> Lansing

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<sup>1</sup>Appointed State Treasurer by Governor Jennifer Granholm April 6, 2006; confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2006.

<sup>2</sup>Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education effective July 5, 2005.



**GOVERNOR**  
**JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM**

Jennifer M. Granholm was elected governor in 2002 and reelected in 2006. She began her career in public service as a judicial clerk for Michigan's 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. She became a federal prosecutor in Detroit in 1990, and in 1994, she was appointed Wayne County Corporation Counsel. Granholm was elected Michigan's first female attorney general in 1998.

Since becoming governor, she has worked to transform and grow Michigan's economy through diversification, create jobs, ensure world-class educational opportunities for every Michigan student, create universal access to affordable health care, and stand up for Michigan workers and families during tough economic times. While aggressively pursuing her top priority of putting Michigan families first, she has also worked to ensure that state government spends every penny efficiently and has successfully resolved more than \$6 billion in budget deficits.

Granholm's comprehensive economic agenda includes growing a new alternative energy sector that will transform Michigan's rustbelt image to a greenbelt reality, help end our nation's dependence on foreign oil, and help train unemployed and under-employed citizens for high-demand jobs through the No Worker Left Behind initiative, which has already enrolled 100,000 people since its launch in 2007.

Granholm has championed universal access to higher education, increased spending to record levels for Michigan's public schools, and implemented some of the most rigorous high school graduation requirements in the nation.

The Pew Center on the States recognized Michigan as one of the best-managed states in the nation in the Government Performance Project report entitled, "Grading the States 2008."

Granholm serves as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and is co-chair of the Health Care Task Force of the National Governors Association, and is chair of the Midwestern Governors Association.

Granholm was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is an honors graduate of both the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School. She and her husband, Daniel G. Mulhern, have three children.

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**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.**

Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry is a seasoned leader who has successfully worked to ensure that state government is efficient and shares Michigan's priorities. With more than 20 years of service in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative, State Senator, and Minority Leader, Cherry has received many awards and honors, including recognition from the *Detroit News* as one of Michigan's Most Effective Legislators. Cherry was named the 2005 Conservationist of the Year by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and is the immediate past Chair of the Great Lakes Commission. He also has served as Chair of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

Cherry's focus on families and education has meant that more of Michigan's children have the opportunity to go to college. He has led the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth, making a series of recommendations that have brought higher education into the larger discussion of creating and retaining jobs here in Michigan. He also serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Midwest Higher Education Compact.

Cherry's interest in politics began as a teenager through organizing and political activism. He took a job as administrative assistant to former State Senator Gary Corbin, later serving as political director for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO until his election to the Michigan House.

As a legislator, Cherry focused on the issues that were most important to Michigan citizens - families, the quality of life in Michigan, the environment and Michigan's great outdoors. He has authored and co-sponsored several milestone Michigan laws dealing with workers' rights, environmental protection, and conservation.

Cherry received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 1973 and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan - Flint in 1984. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Saginaw Valley State University and an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Central Michigan University.

Cherry is married to Pamela M. Faris. They have a married daughter, Meghan, a son, John Daniel, and one grandchild. The family has an active interest in Springer Spaniels and Cherry is a member of the Eastern Michigan Springer Spaniel Association. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Cherry and his family live in Genesee County.

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## **SECRETARY OF STATE TERRI LYNN LAND**

Terri Lynn Land has served as Michigan's 41st Secretary of State since January 1, 2003. She earned reelection in November 2006 and began her second 4-year term January 1, 2007.

Ensuring quality customer service through efficiency, innovation, and technology drives Secretary Land's agenda. At her direction, Internet options are continually being expanded, making it more convenient to do business with the Secretary of State's office. The ease of using Web services has spurred an increase of more than 200 percent in online vehicle and watercraft registration renewals since 2003.

Secretary Land also revolutionized the branch office structure, creating PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers that offer enhanced services and expanded hours. Other advancements include the introduction of Self-Service Stations for easy license plate tab renewals and creation of an online Branch Office Locator that lets customers find office locations, hours, and services simply by entering their ZIP code, city, or county.

Secretary Land is guiding Michigan elections into a new era as well. Her leadership paved the way for the state's successful transition to modern optical-scan voting equipment. In November 2008, Land oversaw the successful administration of the U.S. presidential election in Michigan, which featured record voter turnout of more than five million. A vigorous advocate of voting rights, Secretary Land has worked closely with the disability community to implement Michigan's first-ever equipment designed specifically for voters with disabilities. She also partnered with communities and disability groups to ensure that local polling places are accessible to voters. The Michigan Rehabilitation Conference honored Secretary Land with its 2006 Excellence Award for her commitment to voters with disabilities.

Safe families and communities round out Secretary Land's priorities. Michigan's Driver Education Act, which is based on Secretary Land's proposal, strengthens requirements for students and instructors. In addition, she was instrumental in the enactment of a law that expedites the removal of abandoned vehicles from our roads and neighborhoods. To help protect state and national security, Secretary Land proposed the concept of a secure driver's license that also serves as a passport. The idea was eventually adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and approved for implementation in Michigan and several other border states.

Prior to her election, Secretary Land served as Kent County clerk from 1992-2000, at a time of tremendous change and growth in Michigan's 4th largest county. In that position, her focus was on making county government more open and convenient for the public.

Secretary Land's political involvement stretches back to her high school years, when she served as a "scatter blitzer" for the Gerald R. Ford for President campaign. As a budding politician, she was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention in 1978.

Heavy involvement with community organizations is also one of Secretary Land's hallmarks. She is active with several at the local, regional, and state level. In her spare time, Secretary Land enjoys gardening and water-skiing.

Of all her accomplishments, Secretary Land is most proud of her family. She married Dan Hibma in 1983 and they have 2 children together: Jessica, a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan, and Nicholas, a student at Grand Valley State University. They attend Corinth Reformed Church, where Secretary Land was nursery supervisor for many years. A graduate of Grandville High School, she received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Davenport University in 2009 and an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree by Central Michigan University in 2007.

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MIKE COX**

As the top law enforcement official in Michigan, the “People’s Lawyer,” and the CEO of Michigan’s Largest Law firm, Mike Cox has delivered record-setting performances on behalf of consumers, seniors, and children.

Since taking office, Mike Cox has recovered a record \$3.2 billion for Michigan consumers and saved Michigan taxpayers more than \$1.7 billion in defense of state lawsuits.

Cox has saved families and businesses more than \$2.4 billion by fighting utility rate increases, and he blocked new restrictions from being imposed on the construction of several new clean coal power plants throughout Michigan.

In health care, Cox has saved millions more in higher premiums and costs for Blue Cross customers by fighting rate hikes and stopping anti-consumer bills in the state legislature. Seniors and the uninsured are also saving money as a result of Cox’s michigandrugprices.com, a website where you can shop for the best deal on more than 150 prescription drugs at stores anywhere in Michigan.

Cox helped draft legislation requiring criminal background checks for those who care for Michigan’s vulnerable adults. His team has recovered more than \$140 million in Medicaid fraud, while also fighting drug companies that fraudulently billed the state of Michigan or put consumers at risk.

The protection of Michigan’s children is a special focus for Mike Cox. His first-in-the nation Child Support Unit has helped over 60,000 Michigan children receive the child support they deserve. The Attorney General’s award-winning Internet safety program, the Cyber Safety Initiative, has been taught to more than 415,000 K-8 students. Cox also reorganized the Internet Crimes Unit, leading to the arrest of more than 225 child Internet sex predators.

Cox also restructured the Criminal Division, which has prosecuted more than 50 public corruption cases. Its Cold Case Unit has put more than one dozen murderers in prison, including a notorious serial killer, Coral Watts.

Additionally, Cox created a Mortgage Fraud unit with the State Police that has charged more than one dozen individuals in the last 6 months. More than 50,000 homeowners benefited from aggressive actions against predatory lenders and a series of mortgage foreclosure seminars held across the state that have given families hope of saving their homes.

Cox also went to court and testified before Congress to defend the auto industry, and those whose jobs depend on it, from efforts to impose huge, additional costs on domestic carmakers.

A former Marine, Mike Cox holds both an undergraduate and a law degree from the University of Michigan. He is a father of 4 and a Little League coach, and is married to Laura Cox.

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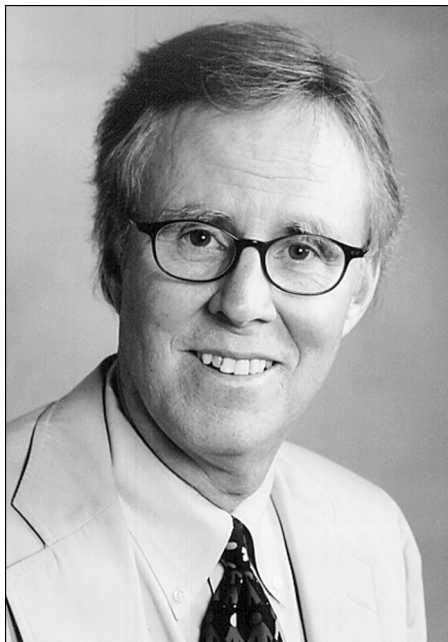
**STATE TREASURER  
ROBERT J. KLEINE**

Robert J. Kleine was appointed Michigan's 43rd State Treasurer by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, effective April 9, 2006. As Treasurer, Mr. Kleine oversees the collection, investment, and disbursement of all state monies. In addition, the Treasurer administers major tax laws, safeguards the credit of the state, and distributes revenue sharing monies to local units of government.

Mr. Kleine recently worked as a private economic consultant. He also served as Vice President and Senior Economist at Public Sector Consultants for 15 years. During the William Milliken Administration, Mr. Kleine was Director of the Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis for 10 years. Mr. Kleine was also a Senior Fellow at the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and an Adjunct Professor at Michigan State University, teaching public finance.

A graduate of Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), Kleine holds a master's degree from Michigan State University. Kleine and his wife, Judy Karandjeff, live in East Lansing.

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN**

Mike Flanagan was appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education on May 18, 2005. He directs the Michigan Department of Education; chairs the State Board of Education; and advises the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the state Legislature regarding public education in Michigan.

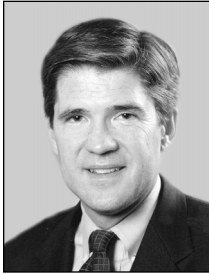
Mr. Flanagan has been a local school superintendent and regional superintendent and served as the executive director of the statewide associations that represent Michigan public school superintendents and intermediate school districts in the state.

For seven years, Mr. Flanagan served as the Superintendent of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), which serves nearly 500,000 children in the more than three dozen diverse communities of Wayne County. He also was Superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District in Michigan for five years. He is past chairperson of the Education Alliance of Michigan, a nonprofit coalition of leading parent, business, and education associations; and past president of the National County Superintendents Association.

Mr. Flanagan has a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and has continued graduate studies at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. He is married to Anna and has three children: Mike, Brian, and Christa.

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## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



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**ELIZABETH W. BAUER**



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### ***Members***

### ***Term expires***

JOHN C. AUSTIN, <i>Vice President</i> , Ann Arbor . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2017
ELIZABETH W. BAUER, Birmingham . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2011
CAROLYN L. CURTIN, <i>Secretary</i> , Ewart . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2011
NANCY DANHOF, <i>NASBE Delegate</i> , East Lansing . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2013
MARIANNE YARED MCGUIRE, <i>Treasurer</i> , Detroit . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2013
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS, <i>President</i> , Detroit . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2017
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CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, Rochester Hills . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2015

### ***ex officio***

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Governor  
MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN, Superintendent of Public Instruction



# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***Members***

The 8 voting members of the **Michigan State Board of Education** are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for 8-year terms. Two are elected every 2 years in the general election. In addition, there are 2 nonvoting, ex officio members — the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction, who is the chair of the board. Any vacancies on the board which occur between elections are filled through appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term.

The state board elects its own officers for 2-year terms. It also selects and appoints the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

The state board of education is at the core of an unusual state education system which seeks to carry out Michigan's long tradition of local control balanced against the overall needs of the people statewide.

## ***Historical Background***

The Northwest Ordinance in 1787 encouraged schools and the means of education.

In 1809, nearly 3 decades before statehood, Michigan territorial law directed each judicial district to start schools and collect a tax for them. The **territorial council** made it mandatory in 1829 to divide the townships into school districts and gave the state the right to inspect and supervise schools and to set the length of time each would be open.

Michigan's first constitution, in 1835, created the office of superintendent of public instruction. **John D. Pierce**, a New England clergyman who had come to Michigan as a frontier missionary, was named the first superintendent, becoming the first independent administrator of education under a state constitution in the United States.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and adopted a new constitution in 1850 which formalized the state board of education as a **constitutional body**. The state board of education was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1849 to administer what is now Eastern Michigan University. Many duties were extended to the board over the years, but the current responsibilities were established in the 1963 state constitution.

## ***Constitutional Powers***

The state constitution provides:

Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

— Const. 1963, art. VIII, sec. 3 (in part)

The state board of education exercises its constitutional **duties** of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The state board of education has many direct supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges and indirect coordinating duties in connection with the 4-year state colleges and universities.

Among their several duties, the state board of education and Department of Education distribute state funds to local school districts; examines and in some cases approves, construction and financial plans of local districts; reimburses schools for certain programs such as school lunches, bus transportation, and remedial and special education; administers federal aid programs; and provides student financial aid. In addition, the state board appoints advisory councils and committees from the education community and general public to investigate, review, or make recommendations.